

# Plus Time, PACE and PLC Teams



## Bloomington High School South is Making it Happen!



### WE ARE

located in the heart of South Central Indiana with roughly 1,700 students from a variety of backgrounds. **BHSS is proud to be a nationally recognized Model Professional Learning Community at Work.**

### OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Our families are proud to be Panthers and many of our parents are graduates. While our students have success across the gamut, we still have students that struggle to meet their daily needs. We serve a wide spectrum of students with special needs and roughly 25% of our students receive free/reduced lunch.

### OUR TEACHERS

We have 96 teachers, 5 counselors, 12 special education teachers (all highly qualified), 2 community-based classrooms, 1 ENL teacher and 21 dual credit and AP courses.

### OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

Our teachers commit to providing specific skill supports to students each week. Using data from common assessments, our course alike **PLC** teams then determine who provides the support each week. Our teachers use **Plus Time** to schedule our entire population weekly so students receive the timely, direct and systemic supports they need to achieve. Students who don't respond to our initial supports receive additional, mandatory tutoring in **PACE** (our after-school tutoring program).

### OUR STEPS

We collectively agreed to increase college/career readiness and reduce failures. We agreed in each course 1) What students need to learn; 2) How we know they learn; 3) Responses when it isn't learned; 4) Responses when it is learned. We use technology to create more time for teacher collaboration about "what" to provide students. This allows less time spent determining "how" to manage students' whereabouts. After 5 years, our focused collaboration has led to our best results ever.

**IN OUR OWN WORDS** Combining the right practices with the right people is the key to improvement. Our PLC work provided our foundation, and PACE and Plus Time took our efforts to provide timely, direct and systemic support for kids to a new level. Results include: improved graduation rate, SAT and AP participation/results and walking the talk that all kids can learn. Summary and student testimony: <https://youtu.be/mh8SQeIM0gc>  
Program description: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_rEmG39ca8&nohtml5=False](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_rEmG39ca8&nohtml5=False)

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